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FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING

When some 125 diners sat down to table together in the Grand Hotel on Wednesday evening the event meant much more than the honoring of a distinguished visitor, the new Japanese consul General, Mr. C. Yada, for it was fraught with possibilities of great good for Maui and through Maui for the territory of Hawaii. Men of two widely divergent races, men of different classes and differing grades in the social organization, sat together and mingled on terms approaching equality. It was the largest gathering of its kind that Maui has known, and before the evening had ended a different attitude was noticeable, a warming up was apparent and a spirit of cordiality was in evidence.

In proportion of two Japanese to one haole the guests had been gathered, and the leaders of both races on Maui were there. Plantation managers, bankers, lawyers, judges, legislators, business and professional men, teachers and the clergy were included among the haole guests and Christian ministers, Buddhist priests, teachers, merchants, doctors and men in other ranks of life were among the Japanese. There have been some similar gatherings in Honolulu but never on Maui heretofore.

In his remarks the new Japanese consul general made a distinctly favorable impression upon the American citizens present. He touched on the post-war labor conditions in Europe, in England, in Japan and in the United States and compared them with Hawaii to the advantage of the latter. In unmistakable terms he condemned radical labor unionism. He characterized the plantation workers strike as regrettable in the extreme, but his criticisms did not overlook faults and mistakes on either side. He was plain spoken and fair.

American citizens spoke in advocacy of tolerance and the attitude of Maui Japanese during the war, when they purchased liberty bonds, savings stamps and contributed to Red Cross and similar funds with rare liberality was warmly commended. In reference to the strike the impression was expressed that the Maui laborers in general were not in sympathy with the movement.

By speakers of both races the hope was expressed that the gathering might be but the first of its kind. Maui News believes that such gatherings on a smaller scale should be frequent and would lead to something more than a better understanding, to active cooperation for the good of Maui and through the community good to the individual benefit of all concerned.

SHORT AND SNAPPY

Suggestion has been made to the governor and is said to meet his approval, that the legislature which is to meet in regular session shall complete its work and adjourn in 30 instead of 60 days. Such proposal will meet general approval of citizens of Hawaii, Maui News believes.

In the special session which was held last November the members of the present legislature showed their ability to work rapidly and to good purpose. At that session, too, it put out of the way a volume of legislation which otherwise would have to be done at the coming session. More especially can be mentioned the teachers' salary legislation and the foreign language schools regulations. Both of those matters were of a type that required time for determination and now they are out of the way the time they would have required is available for other subjects. During the special session, also, financial matters had such consideration as should make it possible to handle that phase of legislation with more than the ordinary promptitude. Several other subjects were referred to committees that should be in a position to report in the early stages of the next session.

The Governor is reported to have said that his message will not be lengthy and will not deal with a great many subjects. If he has a legislative program laid out as systematically as the one presented to the special session work will be correspondingly speeded up.

It may be said the coming legislature has the decks cleared for action before it assembles and under such circumstances it would appear there is neither good reason nor excuse why the session should run through the 60 legislative days that are permitted under its limitations.

ADVERTISING FOR TOURISTS

Recently there came to Maui a tourist who complained that while the Islands were advertising for tourists there were not accommodations in Honolulu except in the higher priced hotels, that persons of moderate means coming to Hawaii were forced to curtail their proposed stay or to spend a very much larger sum than was expected. The critic thought the advertising should cease.

Experienced advertisers keep the names of their concerns always before the public. They have spent much money to make themselves known to the public and they realize that much of what they have spent will be lost unless they keep in the limelight of publicity. So it is with Hawaii. Unless Hawaii continues its campaigns of publicity it will feel the effect next year and in years to come, for the value of advertising is cumulative.

Los Angeles, Palm Beach and other resorts advertise while their hotels are crowded. Often at Palm Beach those who are desirous of securing rooms and write in advance for them are told not to come until advised by wire. Theaters advertise their performances even when the S. R. O., sign is hung out.

On the other hand, in fairness to the tourist there should be given to them in San Francisco, before sailing, advice as to hotel conditions, that accommodations of a certain price or prices are available and other accommodations are not. Then the prospective visitor would know exactly what to expect.

It is true that Honolulu is unable to accommodate all of the tourist arriving there with just the accommodations they hope for. It is true that Hilo has proposed to have visitors who come to see the volcano sleep aboard steamer instead of seeking accommodations in Hilo when hotels are crowded. But the publicity now being secured on the mainland will be wanted next year and in years to come, when accommodations have been increased, for with the demand for housing tourists will come better and larger accommodations.

Yet there is justice in what the critic says. Unless the goods can be delivered there is certain to be dissatisfaction and complaint and unless accommodations can be furnished at prices mentioned in the advertising matter that is sent out the advertiser is not playing fair.

For the shortage of accommodations the Islands can not be blamed. The situation is little if any different from the mainland. There and here building came to almost a dead halt during the war. Before the United States became a belligerent the Islands were enjoying their greatest season of tourists. At that time work on additions to the Moana Hotel was started and other hotel building and extensions were planned. The tourists fled homeward and there were no steamers to bring those who wanted to come until this year.

While building was halted the population of the Islands continued to increase and with homes almost unobtainable, accommodations were sought and secured in the hotels and boarding houses. Building has not caught up. Permanent residents of the Islands must be cared for and

The Optimistic Pessimist

With all the craps that are being shot one would think such game would be exterminated. Pheasants could never withstand such a tremendous fusillade.

"Japanese women still cling to the kimono," says a Honolulu news item. Yes, and the kimono still clings to Japanese women.

Boston is boasting of a two legged cat. Nothing unusual; ask any woman of one's acquaintance and she will say that she has several two legged cats in her circle of acquaintances.

If one wants a thing done well, one had better not try to do it himself unless he knows how, in the end it is cheaper to hire an expert.

Some criticism is like certain medicines, it leaves a bitter taste in the mouth of the taker but the system benefits by a through shaking up and turning over.

Some of the least "successful" men have made the greatest success of their lives. Surface indications of the earth do not always show the mineral wealth that is to be found below.

When one reads of 80 inches rainfall in a month at one place in Hawaii and citizens of Honolulu wading about waist deep in water, Wailuku seems an arid spot, but not too arid of comfort.

"Sweep up, is the motto of Maui motorists but pass up seems to be the motto in Honolulu," says a Honolulu paper referring to the Maui Automobile Club's offer of whisk brooms. It's pleasant to have the other fellow say nice things even if they're not deserved. To pass up is human even if it is foolish.

Sometimes one is inclined to believe the milk of human kindness is goat's milk.

Statistics show the average college girl of today is an inch taller and weighs seven or eight pounds more than did the college girl of 50 years ago. And at that she is only just a nice armful, any lover will insist.

there is the consequent shortage in medium and lower priced accommodations.

There has come an awakening to the situation. A half million dollar corporation has been formed to build homes to be sold on deferred payments plans. The Honolulu Chamber of Commerce is agitating a movement for more building. This will have the effect of bringing gradually a correction of the present situation. Meantime the Islands cannot well afford to sacrifice their future tourist business by ceasing to advertise.

On Maui, so far as hotel accommodations are concerned, the situation is far better. It is true that furnished houses are as rare here as the red birds from whose plumage ahualas were formerly made. Unfurnished houses are almost as scarce but, with the exception of such occasions as fair time the hotels can always accommodate guests and at rates which give no cause for complaint. So there is an opportunity for Maui to advertise the fact on all incoming steamers and in Honolulu through the Tourist Bureau, to care for the over flow.

As to climate and as to beauty and attractiveness of scenery, no Island can offer more than Maui. Bathing beaches are lacking, it is true, there is not the bustle of the larger cities but there remains here much of the atmosphere of earlier days, much of the charm and attraction that visitors expect to find and complain that it is gone from Honolulu.

Certainly provision should be made that tourists are not brought to the Islands under false pretenses, but advertising need not be stopped, ought not to cease any more than the advertising of a world's fair should end when great throngs fill the city where it is held.

With more than a dozen years of diplomatic experience on the American mainland, Mr. C. Yada, the new Japanese consul general, comes to Maui well equipped for the work he is undertaking. His manner shows a familiarity with the diplomacy of the straightforward, American type, he is outspoken and goes straight to the point. The Japanese government shows an appreciation of the importance of the situation in Hawaii in sending to the Islands a man who has represented his country in Ottawa, Canada and later in New York City.

The new Japanese Consul General who has been touring the Islands and is now upon Maui appears to have started his work in the right way. He seeks to get to the root of any troubles there may be and to offer the cure. His advice, so far as it has appeared in the public print, seems to be to the point and designed to bring about a real understanding between Japanese residents and the citizens of Hawaii.

Maui folk are appreciative of the action of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company in placing the Kilauea on the Kahului run. Long have they wanted and urged for accommodations that insured a greater degree of comfort for the inter-island run and their rejoicing is not lessened by the fact that they have to wait. Welcome Kilauea!

When representatives of middle western houses come to Maui to solicit business it is evident that the people of Maui have to pay the traveling expenses. There's only one answer: Place your order at home and save traveling expenses and freight as well as encourage the growth of Maui industries.

Maui Woman's Club is not to be criticised for seeking to have Maui streets and roads more sightly. It is the inherent desire of woman to have her home set in order, to make it presentable to visitors. There is much that is unsightly that could be bettered.

Though Maui has the highest tax rate of any county in the territory the county government will have to be conducted along extremely economical lines if valuations fall off as many expect them to do. It is a year that will call for conservatism.

It is still possible at the regular session of the legislature to have a limited provision made for the transportation to school of those children living at a remote distance. It is not necessary to revolutionize present systems at once.

Support for sanitariums, hospitals and child welfare work tend to make Maui's tax rate unexpectedly high but when every taxpayer contributes the burden is evenly distributed and "community drives" are happily avoided.

With the Maui Woman's Club's library bill to be made an administration measure prospects for the early start on a library project are bright.

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Notice is hereby given that sealed tenders for sweeping of the streets of the Town of Wailuku, County of Maui T. H., will be received at the office of the County Clerk at Wailuku, Maui, T. H., until 2:00 P. M., Friday, February 11th, 1921, at which place and time they will be publicly opened and read.

Proposal blanks are now on file at the County Clerk's Office, Wailuku, Maui, T. H., and can be obtained upon application.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.
By order of the Board of Supervisors within and for the County of Maui.
WM. FRED KAAE,
County Clerk, County of Maui.
(Jan. 28; Feb. 4.)

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